

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
July 21, 2010
6:00p.m.

Council: Mayor Eric Baca, Dan Muth, Connie Hunt, Susie Silva and Ron Thebeau

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Eduardo Coronado Legal Counsel, and Larisa Bogardus Community Dev.

Public: Kevin Burk and Becki Christensen Chamber Director

1. Mayor Baca called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Councilman Thebeau led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Participation: None
4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports.

Town Manager West reported on the Real AZ Development Council (Resource Energy Access and Lifestyle) advising the council they have come up with a branding strategy and would like to have buy-in from the Town of Springerville. The concept is to splash the White Mountain Region. This was put together by Navajo County along with the Regional Economic Development Association which we are members. He asked for council to get back with him on any comments they may have. Manager West said they'd had some issues at the airport with the pavement bonding on the runway. It had to be ripped up but should be completed by the middle of August

Councilmember Silva commented she has observed Manager West out and about more and said she felt this was a good thing that people see him out in the businesses. She has heard comments that it's nice to see him around town more.

Chamber Director Report: Director Christensen briefed the council on the Governor's Conference regarding economy brought into Arizona by tourism and importance of promoting our area giving statistics on the money they spend.

She reported the Hummingbird Festival which grows by 200 people annually will be on August 31st at Sipe's.

Councilmember Hunt suggested giving out brochures from the Cushman Museum and suggested they also tour the X Diamond Ranch which encourages people to stay overnight.

Ms. Christensen also reported that they showcase businesses and antique stores along with interviews and pictures on their new website. The chamber will be applying to the Office of Tourism for a Centennial sanctioned event for the 100th Annual Sheriff's Posse Rodeo which corresponds with the State's Centennial. The Office of Tourism also wants to repair historical markers around the state and need help identifying them. They would also like to identify and place new historic markers. She reminded everyone that Eagar Daze is coming, and there was a ribbon cutting for Farmers Insurance. Ms Christensen also asked if it was possible to have town staff or council members present at the ribbon cuttings to welcome new businesses. She was asked to get the council's information from the clerk.

Councilman Thebeau reported on the RC& D meeting he attended. He explained that they are aligned with other RC & D's across the nation regarding conservation and restoration of water and water resources. He mentioned that the Town is a member and there are dues of \$400.00 associated with the membership. He reported on the weather enhancement topic of cloud seeding that is now being done

with cannons packed with iodized crystal and propane. Councilman Thebeau said he would keep everyone informed and would get more information on water conservation. He said they also talked about a \$53,000 grant to work on the Coyote Creek drainage.

5. Public Hearing:

Ron Thebeau/Susie Silva motion to go into a public hearing to take comments from the public regarding the town of Springerville FY 2010-2011 budget.

Kevin Burk asked how bad the budget was cut this year and what departments were cut the worst.

Manager West explained the budget was cut from approximately \$250,000 to \$430,000. The cuts were spread across the board so that no one department took the hit.

There were no other comments.

Ron Thebeau/Dan Muth motion to adjourn the public hearing and return to the regular meeting.

Discussion: Councilman Thebeau asked for clarification regarding last year's budget being larger than this budget.

Manager West explained that our spendable cash in the general fund has been reduced a lot this year but grants make the budget look higher. This money has to go to a specific object and not into the general fund. He further explained they worked through the process with department heads to make the cuts as well as all employees taking a 40 hour furlough this year.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Dan Muth
		Connie Hunt
		Susan Silva
		Ron Thebeau

6. Consent Items:

- a. Consider approval of the minutes from the joint council meeting held on May 6, 2010 at 6:00pm
- b. Consider approval of the minutes from the town council meeting held on July 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
- c. Consider approval and ratification of accounts payable for the month of June 2010.

Connie Hunt/Ron Thebeau motion to approve consent items 5a through 5c.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Dan Muth
		Connie Hunt
		Susan Silva
		Ron Thebeau

7 Resolution 2010-R012:

Dan Muth/Connie Hunt motion to approve Resolution 2010-R012 adopting the Town of Springerville FY 2010-2011 Budget in the amount of \$12,728,568.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Dan Muth

Connie Hunt
Susan Silva
Ron Thebeau

8. Ordinance 2010-R003: Second reading and adoption. Read by Mayor Baca, An Ordinance of the Town of Springerville, Arizona, adopting the public document entitled "Height and Fence Regulations Revised" by reference; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

Dan Muth/Susie Silva motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-003 adopting the public document entitled "Height and Fence Regulations Revised" by reference.

Discussion: Councilman Thebeau said he wanted to verify that the sentences they asked to be removed were indeed removed from the ordinance and would like to see the document.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Dan Muth
		Connie Hunt
		Susan Silva
		Ron Thebeau

9. Adjournment:

Susie Silva/Ron Thebeau motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Dan Muth
		Connie Hunt
		Susan Silva
		Ron Thebeau

Eric Baca, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday, July 21, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly posted and a quorum was present.

Dated this 22nd. Day of July, 2010.

Town Clerk